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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN DELEGATION ATTENDS CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY
CONGRESS

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1. ZAMBIA WAS REPRESENTED AT CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY CONGRESS
BY FOUR-MAN UNIP DELEGATION LED BY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER
REUBEN KAMANGA. IN HIS ADDRESS TO CONGRESS, KAMANGA IS
REPORTED BY PARTY-CONTROLLED TIMES OF ZAMBIA DEC 23 TO HAVE
MADE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS:

ZAMBIA AND CUBA HAVE BOTH BEEN "INNOCENT VICTIMS" OF A
"SHAMEFUL IMPERIALIST ECONOMIC BLOCKADE". THE "IMPERIALISTS"
HAD HOPED TO ECONOMICALLY STRANGLE ZAMBIA AND FORCE HER TO
THEIR CAPITALIST LINE. "THE BORDER IS STILL CLOSED BUT I AM
PLEASED TO INFORM THE CONGRESS THAT THROUGH THE VERY KIND
ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO ZAMBIA BY FRIENDLY COUNTRIES SUCH AS CUBA...
WE HAVE SURVIVED IN TACT." BOTH COUNTRIES HAD A LOT OF THINGS
IN COMMON AND HAD EXPERIENCED SIMILAR PROBLEMS. ZAMBIA WAS
CONFIDENT SOLUTIONS WHICH CUBA HAD APPLIED TO THESE
PROBLEMS WERE EQUALLY SUITABLE FOR ZAMBIA AND THAT

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DELEGATION HAD A LOT TO LEARN FROM CUBANS. THE

TWO PARTIES HAD IDENTICAL VIEWS. "WE HAVE ALSO BEEN
AWARE OF INTERNATIONAL PLOTS WHOSE SOLE AIM WAS TO ARREST THE
CUBAN SOCIALIST REVOLUTION BY ELIMINATING ITS LEADERSHIP AND
INSTALL INSTEAD IMPERIALIST STOOGES WHO WOULD DANCE TO
THE CAPITALIST TUNE." END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. COMMENT: KAMANGA'S REMARKS, IF ACCURATE, ARE YET
ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF INCONSISTENCIES IN ZAMBIA'S FOREIGN
POLICY WHICH EMBASSY WILL BE CALLING TO ATTENTION OF
GRZ POLICY MAKERS.
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